

In the Specification

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On page 22, line 30 please replace "08/762,488" with - - 08/762,588 - -. On page 46, lines 28-30, please replace "on-line . . . html" with - May 8, 1998. Retrieved from the Internet: <URL: www.paddocklabs.com/secundum/secaindx.html> - - .

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-36, 60 and 62 and add claim 64. Please amend claims 37, 39, 45-49, 51-54, 58, 59 and 61 as indicated below:

37. (Once Amended) A method for the administration of an antisense nucleic acid therapeutic or diagnostic composition comprising:

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[preparing a] aerosolizing an antisense nucleic acid therapeutic or diagnostic composition comprising at least one antisense oligonucleotide wherein the sugar moiety of at least one nucleoside unit of said antisense oligonucleotide is not a 2'-deoxyribofuranosyl sugar moiety or at least one internucleotide linkage within said antisense oligonucleotide is not a phosphodiester or a phosphorothioate linkage, wherein said antisense oligonucleotide is not directed to an A₁ or A₃ adenosine receptor and is not contained in an expression vector; [and aerosolizing the nucleic acid composition;] and introducing the aerosolized antisense nucleic acid therapeutic or diagnostic composition into the lung of a mammal[; and